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SUBJ: MOVING OF COMMISSARY

1. BECAUSE IT WAS CONCERNED WITH CHANCERY SECURITY AND THE FACT THAT NON-AMERICAN PERSONNEL HAVING BUSINESS WITH THE COMMISSARY ARE ABLE TO PROCEED UNHINDERED FROM THE COMMISSARY(B-2 LEVEL) THROUGH THE COMMON PASSAGEWAYS TO ALMOST ALL THE REMAINDER OF THE BUILDING,THE EMBASSY RECENTLY CONDUCTED A STUDY RE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF MOVING THE COMMISSARY OPERATION TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY. POSSIBILITIES CONSIDERED WERE(A) REMOVAL TO GOVERNMENT-OWNED WAREHOUSE, (B)RENTAL OF COMMERCIAL SPACE, OR(C) LEAVING FACILITY IN CHANCERY AND MAKING MODIFICATIONS WHICH MINIMIZE SECURITY PROBLEMS.(A) WAS RULED OUT SINCE ALMOST ALL OF WAREHOUSE WOULD BE REQUIRED AND OFFSET IN CHANCERY WOULD NOT PROVIDE EITHER APPROPRIATE OR ADEQUATE WAREHOUSE FACILITIES.(B) DID NOT PROVE FEASIBLE SINCE NO SPACE COULD BE LOCATED AT ANYTHING APPROACHING A REASONABLE PRICE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE SALES AND STORAGE SPACE, PARKING AREA AND ALSO MEETING ZONING RESTRICTIONS. IT FINALLY WAS DETERMINED THAT MOST PRACTICAL AND ECONOMICAL SOLUTION WAS TO LEAVE COMMISSARY IN CHANCERY.

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ALSO, IN AN EMERGENCY GREATER PROTECTION COULD BE

GIVEN TO ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS IN CHANCERY THAN  
IN ANY OUTSIDE BUILDING.

2. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE SECURITY AND  
REDUCE POSSIBLE RISK OF TERRORIST ACTION, THE  
EMBASSY PROPOSES HAVING THE COMMISSARY (B-2 LEVEL)  
EXCHANGE SPACE WITH THE SUPPLY ROOM (B-1 LEVEL).  
A DOOR CAN BE OPENED FROM THE NEW COMMISSARY ON  
THE B-1 LEVEL DIRECTLY ONTO THE DRIVEWAY LEADING  
ALONG SIDE THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHANCERY. THE  
OFFLOADING ZONE WHICH IS CONSTANTLY UNDER MARINE  
SECURITY GUARD SURVEILLANCE DURING WORKING  
HOURS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR RECEIPT OF  
COMMISSARY SUPPLIES AS WELL AS FOR THE OTHER  
SHIPMENTS OF OFFICIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.  
THIS CHANGE WOULD ELIMINATE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE  
OTHER AREAS OF THE BUILDING FROM THE COMMISSARY  
AS PERSONS FREQUENTING THE COMMISSARY WOULD ENTER  
AND EXIT THE SALES AREA DIRECTLY TO AND FROM THE  
OUTSIDE.

3. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE ESTIMATED COSTS  
OF NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMMISSARY AND  
SUPPLY ROOM AREAS AND COSTS OF EFFECTING THE MOVES:  
ESTIMATE COST OF PREPARING COMMISSARY SPACE \$17,500  
ESTIMATED COST OF PREPARING SUPPLY ROOM SPACE \$3,000  
ESTIMATED COST OF MOVING OFFICIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT \$3,600  
ESTIMATED COST OF MOVING COMMISSARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIP \$8,085

4. THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD IN LARGE MEASURE  
SOLVE ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF PHYSICAL  
SECURITY AT THE POST AND ALSO WOULD MEET IN MAJOR  
PART ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOREIGN  
SERVICE INSPECTORS WHO WERE CONCERNED WITH THE  
POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE CHANCERY POSED BY THE  
COMMISSARY IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. IT WOULD  
BE APPRECIATED IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPROVE  
THE ABOVE PROPOSALS AND ALLOCATED THE REQUIRED  
\$32,185 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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